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Dear Mom & Dad,

I got your two letters and enjoyed reading them and seeing the pictures. I'm afraid I can't believe Diane painted the mountain, but I'm sure she is doing well! Apparently everyone is very busy with classes and learning new things. Diane is such a pretty girl and is growing up so fast.

It's certainly generous of you to let Simon move in. I can get some vicarious pleasure out of his race so please let me know the results.

Drugs are apparently widespread in the navy. About two weeks ago we had some "media" embarked and after hours the ABC TV man, Hal Walter, managed to film an interview with two sailors who had been caught with marijuana. This caused repercussions

back to the Pentagon.

The aircraft are not flying today so I'm hoping to get up on the flight deck for a run. I've missed several days because of the busy schedule during the recent NATO exercise. It's pretty windy on deck because the CV (aircraft carrier) is moving rapidly toward Venice. We're scheduled to anchor at 9 a.m. tomorrow after 13 days at sea.

I got a note from Vickie with the hotel reservation she made. She will arrive tonight. The Admiral's barge should get away about 11 a.m. to fleet landing which is near our hotel and St Mark's Square. We'll leave early Friday morning. I don't plan to work at all, so a lot of sightseeing can be accomplished. There's been a lot of rain in Venice lately.

(I've seen only seen) and some flooding which I hope is gone.

Hope you enjoy your classes. The right side of the brain controls the left side of the body and so is very important to us left-handers.

I would also like to find out who are the enemies of the U.S.! Perhaps the enemy "are us."

Love,

Jim